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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions for an extension of time of one Sir: month to and including April 5, 2003, in which to respond to the Office Action dated February 5,

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct the \$55.00 2003. entity fee for a one month extension of time from Howrey Simon Arnold & White, LLP Deposit Account 01-2508/11181.0027.NPUS00.

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